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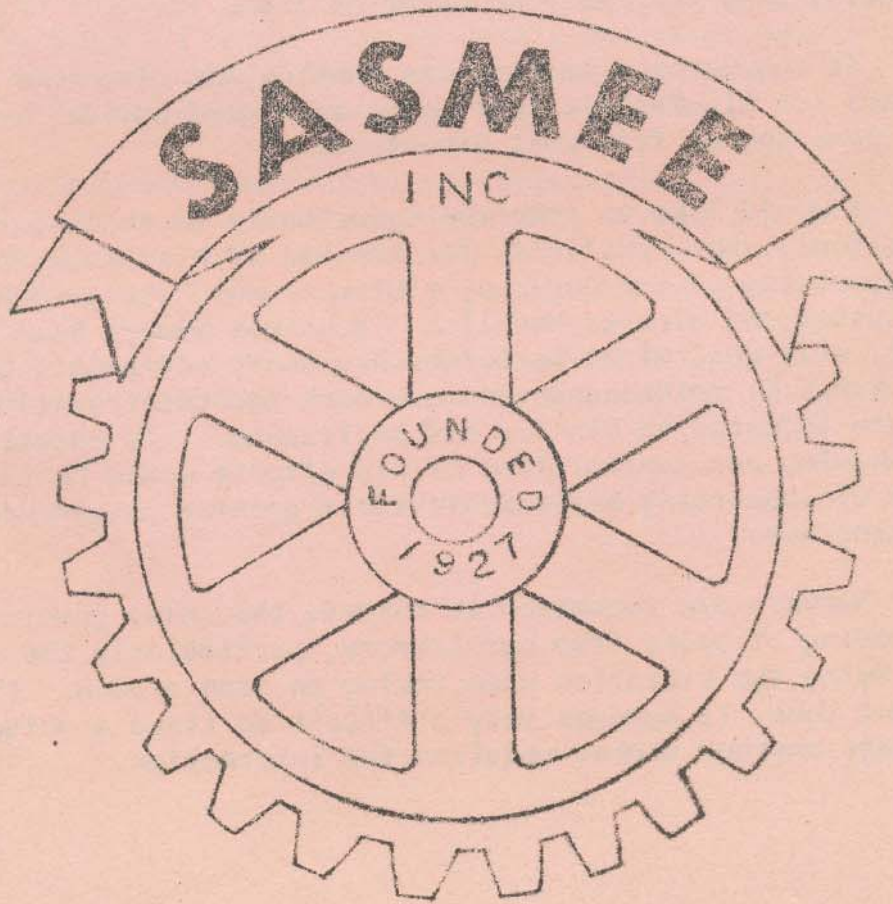
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S.A.S.M.E.E. BULLETIN

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EDITORIAL

The past three months have, without a doubt, been a busy period for many of our members. We have had the pleasure of entertaining members of the Veteran Car Club, a visit from Tony Cross of Singapore, The Festival of Hobbies at the Y.M.C.A. Headquarters in Flinders Street, and a trip to Whyalla where a small but very enthusiastic band of Modellers made us welcome in a right royal manner. On another page I will endeavour to describe this long awaited event as I saw it.

At the October meeting Max Dunkley was given our best wishes for his Pacific tour, plus some good advice from members who have spoken from past experience.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our worthy President, John Wakefield, for the use of his truck for the transporting of our engines, riding trucks, etc., to Moorabbin at Easter and also to Whyalla. John has always been to the fore, with what might be termed his heavy equipment, both as S.A.S.M.E.E. maintenance and new work and country trips, and we are indebted to him for his assistance. An excellent way of showing our appreciation of his efforts would be in the form of supporting his appeals for a greater attendance at working bees.

Members are requested to observe the rules governing the borrowing of books from our Library, particularly the one of notifying the Librarian when taking on loan a book. If this is not done, it becomes very difficult to trace a volume which perhaps another member requires for information.

EDITORIAL contd.

The previous Bulletin outlined new Locos, etc., under construction and I have received several flattering remarks regarding the enthusiasm displayed at S.A.S.M.E.E. owing to the large number being built. It most certainly portrays a very healthy state of affairs within our Society and proves that the fascination of steam and indeed all forms of modelling will never die out.

I personally consider that apart from the stimulus it gives to ones mind, it helps to keep us feeling young. One need never to be bored, wondering what to do with his spare time, and to anybody approaching retiring age, with lots of time on his hands, I would most earnestly recommend him to seriously consider modelling in one of its many forms. It is far better, in my book, to wear out than rust out..

At the September meeting a very interesting talk was given by several members on our Track Signalling system and of the problems associated with maintaining it. Talks of this nature are very informative and I would urge members to speak of their experiences in fields connected with our hobby. If you can help in this direction, have a word with Tom England or 'Uncle' Al, and they will arrange a suitable meeting night for you.

QUARTERLY AGENDA

GENERAL MEETINGS
1968/1969

2nd Tuesday each month at 8.00 p.m.

10TH DECEMBER

Jim Thurmer will give a talk on
Photography.

14TH JANUARY

General pow-wow and discussion

11TH FEBRUARY

Jack Mell will speak on Railway
Maintenance.

INTERMEDIATE
MEETINGS

(Informal) 4th Tuesday each month at
8.00 p.m. 24th December, 28th
January, 25th February.

COMMITTEE
MEETINGS

1st Tuesday each month at 8.00 p.m.
3rd December, 7th January, 4th February.

WORKING BEES

1st Saturday each month at 2.00 p.m.
7th December, 4th January, 1st February.

PUBLIC FIELD DAYS

3rd Saturday each month at 2.00 p.m.
21st December, 18th January, 15th
February.

FIELD DAY CANTEEN ROSTER

DECEMBER

H. DATEUP
L. MATTHEWS

JANUARY

J. SPRY
J. DAVEY

FEBRUARY

I. CLARKE
M. AMGLER

"PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING THE MILK"

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SO THAT A RESERVE CAN BE NOTIFIED
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ROSTER FOR LOCKING UP ALL BUILDINGS AND GATE.

DECEMBER

7th T. ENGLAND
14th J. WAKEFIELD
21st C. HILL
28th A. BRADHAM

JANUARY

4th J. WELCH
11th D. IRVING
18th N. KERNICK

JANUARY

25th O. THOMAS

FEBRUARY

1st B. BROWN
8th T. ENGLAND
15th J. WAKEFIELD
22nd C. HILL

MARCH

1st A. BRADHAM
8th J. WELCH

S.A.S.M.E.E. CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to popular Club Member Dave Worrall and his charming wife upon the arrival of a daughter (Susan). Perhaps in the years to come we may have a ladies section on our Society and I feel sure, with such a keen modeller as Dave for a father, Susan will be a welcome addition to our Loco Drivers and builders.

On October Field day Morrie Turner brought along his part completed 520 boiler. To my eye it appeared to have more fire tubes than I have had hot dinners, but judging by the size of fire box, it should more than satisfy the builders thirst for steam. No doubt when the loco is completed it will be a truly magnificent piece of machinery and full credit must be given to Morrie for his patience and skill.

At the last few Field Days we have noticed member G. Drodge driving his petrol driven shunting engine. This unusual engine appears to be running very nicely and helps to carry the load on Track Days, and is really a credit to its builder.

We cannot all be steam fans, and part of our title is EXPERIMENTAL, so perhaps his success could inspire others to experiment along similar lines.

With sincere regret I must report the sudden death of Mrs. Excell, and extend to you Ralph sincere condolences from myself and fellow members.

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S.A.S.M.E. E. CLUB NEWS contd.

It is a pleasure to watch Chas. Hill's 3½" Britannia (just completed) doing its stuff at the track and he is to be congratulated on its finish and performance.

What's next Chas?

One of the wonders of this modern age is Len Peckham's "Juliet". For its size it really puts some of its big brothers to shame, and I have often heard it said that "Juliet" in 5" gauge would be quite a performer.

A letter from the Veteran Car Club thanking us for the "do" we put on for them recently stated that they would be pleased to return the compliment one day. If this should mean a trip in one of the classic cars of the past it could really be something to look forward to.

Reg Wood of Sydney was present at the October track day and brought along copies of a circular written by Jim Ranford of Sydney on the operation and maintenance of injectors. These were distributed to members and should prove of great assistance in making these little monsters mind their P's & Q's.

S.A.S.M.E.E. CLUB NEWS cont.

Owing to ill health we have not seen much of Claude Miller for some time, but he came along on October track day and brought his movie camera, and was happily engaged in taking shots of the various engines and drivers, and also of the boat pond boys. He told me that he has a friend in Canada who is interested in our doings, and would send him copies of film so that the Canucks could see what a good looking lot we are.

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The new system of issuing tickets for train rides to ensure that our passengers get a fair go seems to be working alright, although I forgot to ask the ticket collector just how it worked out.

John Welch mentioned that it demands 2 men at the gate when things are busy at that end..

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During August we had the pleasure of a visit from Bob Moss of W.A. He spoke on the 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " gauge track in the West, and it gave some of our members food for thought on these lines.

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Members contemplating the building of "Simplex" by Martin Evans must make the necessary alterations to the staying of the fire box crown to the outer wrapper. The amended drawing is on file at the Club Rooms, and can be seen by applying to the Secretary.

S.A.S.M.E.E. CLUB NEWS cont.

For the benefit of members not present at the October General Meeting the following rules governing the borrowing of Library Books must be observed.

1. No book to be removed without first notifying the Librarian.
2. Period of loan not to exceed 3 months.
3. Not more than 3 books to be on loan to any one member.
4. Upon return, same books cannot be borrowed again until three months have elapsed.
5. A fine of 20 cents per month per book will be imposed on borrower for failure to return to Library after three months.

By following these simple rules, everybody will be able to make good use of the library. Please give this matter your co-operation.

ANNUAL SHOW OF WORK:

Owing to an attack of the 'Wog', I was unable to attend that evening and therefore cannot comment on the display.

From a list supplied to me by Owen Thomas it must have been very representative of what members are constructing and if the standard of work was comparative with previous years, it would have been of a very high standard indeed.

ANNUAL SHOW OF WORK cont.

Charles Hill's 3½" 'Britannia' was adjudged a well deserved First, with Morrie Turner and Alec Bradley taking the next two places. As we all know, this yearly event is not intended to be in the nature of a competition, but to let your fellow members see what progress you have made, so whether you gain first or last position in the voting, rest assured that your efforts are well appreciated and that you are a modeller in the best tradition.

The following is the list of members and their exhibits as supplied to me.

LES MATTHEWS:	(Vertical Steam Engine. (Electric Crane.
LEN PECKHAM:	(Dividing Head. (Tool Post Grinder (Power Hacksaw
JIM THURMER:	Stuart Turner Vertical Engine.
MORRIE TURNER:	5" 520 Chassis and Tender
ALEC BRADLEY:	5" Caribou Chassis
JOHN WAKEFIELD:	5" Caribou Tender
BRIAN HOMAN:	5" Boxhill Chassis
KEITH BRADFORD:	5" C36.
CHAS. HILL:	3½" Britannia (completed).
BERT COLLINS:	3½" Jubilee Chassis.
IAN CLARK:	5" 217 Patterns
SYD GABB:	Beam Engine

ANNUAL SHOW OF WORK cont.

Thanks to the stout efforts of Jim Thurmer and son Peter who burnt the midnight oil printing and developing, each member will receive with his copy of the Bulletin a large photo of the 3½" 'Britannia' of Chas Hill, which was adjudged First in the Annual Show of Work.

NICE WORK JIM.

COMING EVENTS

19th November marks the occasion for our visit to Adelaide Airport at 7.00 p.m.

Details will be arranged at our November General Meeting on 12th November. In an air minded age this tour should prove most interesting.

30th November. (Saturday) at 2.00 p.m.

We have agreed to assist by means of a Field Day, the Northern Districts Branch Y.M.C.A. Youth Club. Please keep this date clear and bring along your boats and locos etc., and help at making the day a success.

1st December. (Sunday) at 1.00 p.m.

A static display of locos, boats and stationary models has been arranged to take place at Hawthorndene to aid the local Kindergarten.

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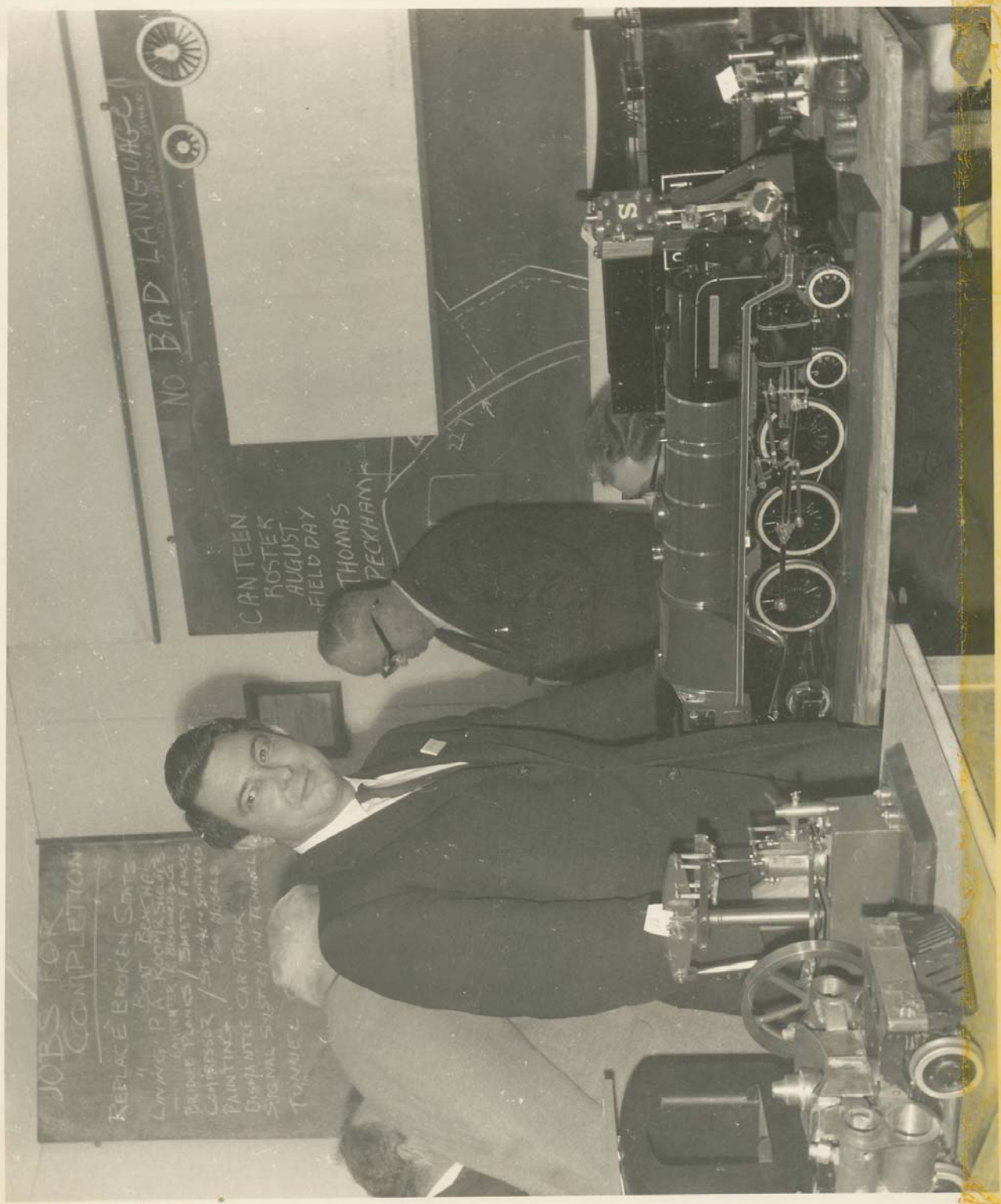
JOBS FOR COMPLETION

- REPLACE BROKEN SOTS
- " BOAT BENCH
- LIVING: PA ROOMS
- CAUTIONER & BROOMS
- DRONE PLANKS / BROOMS
- COMPRESSOR / SHANKS
- PAINTING CAR TRACK
- DISMANTLE SYSTEM IN TUNNEL
- SIGNAL SYSTEM IN TUNNEL
- TUNNEL

CANTEEN
ROSTER
AUGUST
FIELD DAY

THOMAS
PECKHAM

NO BAD LANGUAGE



1st December (Sunday) at 1.00 p.m. contd.

The event, termed a Festival Review of mechanical transport from early times up to the present. Every type of transport will be on exhibit and if you can possibly attend you will be assisting a good cause. If any of you have made up a set of rollers so that you can run your engine on it, without moving, please bring it along. From a circular received setting out all of the attractions, I feel sure that your time will not be wasted.

21st December. Public Field Day

Our Annual Christmas Barbecue will be held when running is over, so everybody bring along your family and join in the fun. I have booked a world famous entertainer to amuse us after tea with Archies antics. He is known to all of us as 'Uncle Al', and if you fail to attend you will miss a treat. Later in the evening Tom England will arrange to have a film show and this should round off a very happy day.

Sometime in March 1969 (further details later)

Ern Clark and a party from Bendigo will pay us a visit and we look forward to renewing friendships made over the years.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.

It is a pleasure to welcome Lindsay Hope and Tom Grey to our ranks, and we trust that you will both take an active part in the Society and at the same time enjoy the best of all hobbies, modelling.

Bulletins have been received from :

Victorian Miniature Steam Locomotive Society.
The Steam Locomotive Society of Victoria.
Illawarra Live Steamers.
Lake Macquarie Live Steam Locomotive Society.

They will be placed on the notice board in due course and you are recommended to read them.

Y.M.C.A. FESTIVAL OF HOBBIES.

I would like to thank all of those members who so ably supported this Festival by exhibiting their models. Without a doubt, your efforts focussed public attention on S.A.S.M.E.E. and should prove of great value to your Society. The models shown were undoubtedly of a very high standard and reflects great credit on the builders.

I believe that 500 circulars giving details of S.A.S.M.E.E. location, etc., were handed out by members manning the exhibit. All sections were well represented, namely Locos, Boats, Beam Engine, Stationary Steam Engines, both Vertical and Horizontal Mill Engines, and Diesel Loco.

In a letter of thanks from the Y.M.C.A. the writer, Mr. Hon, appreciates your efforts and hopes that we will assist again in a similar capacity in the future.

WHYALLA WEEKEND

The alarm went off at 4.45 a.m. and I leapt out of bed like a two year old for today was the day. I was due at Morrie's at a quarter to six and that meant dressing, grabbing some breakfast, pack a few things in the car and leave no later than 5.25 a.m. I made it with a minute to spare and shortly after along came Uncle Al. We packed our gear in Morrie's Station Wagon and dead on 6.00 a.m. we were on the move.

A few miles out we picked up Jack Mell and then settled down for the long run to Pt. Augusta. In places the country was covered by a light fog, but looked very attractive in the early morning light.

Our first stop was at the Pt. Pirie turn off for petrol, then on again until Pt. Augusta was reached, stop for petrol. At this stage we had been travelling in company with Chas. Hill, Len Peckham, Tom England and John Welch, who had caught up with us. A short stop at Augusta and then we crossed the top of the gulf and started the 45 miles run south to Whyalla. Tregelana Station was reached at 10.30 a.m. and here we unloaded the wagon and then headed for Whyalla. Just after 11.00 a.m. we arrived at the Whyalla Society's track and greeted old acquaintances.

John Wakefield had arrived the night before with our Locos, riding trucks, etc., and these had been unloaded and were waiting to be steamed up.

After a quick look at the latest developments at the track fires were lit, and very soon safety valves were sizzling. A couple of cautious laps and then running commenced in earnest.

Just after 1.00 p.m. the word went around that lunch was on and we adjourned to the Club's Guard-van which serves for their Clubhouse. Here we satisfied the inner man with hot pasties, sandwiches, tea and cool drinks. Lunch over, running

WHYALLA WEEKEND contd.

was on again, and by this time a large number of the public had appeared, accompanied by their offspring. The afternoon was spent giving rides to all who cared to pay 5 cents for the privilege, and resulted in a useful sum for the Whyalla Club.

Round about 5.00 p.m. drivers gave it away, cooled down the engines and then stowed them in the large shed on the grounds. We then adjourned to a Church Hall where the ladies were preparing tea for us. And what a spread they put on, there was every variety of food one could imagine, and plenty of a very pleasant tasting cordial to wash it down. After the tables had been cleared an excellent film show was put on.

By about 9.30 p.m. we were all beginning to show signs of wear and I just about required matches to keep my eyes open. After a vote of thanks to the ladies we set off for Tregelana and despite what we had eaten decided to have supper. This over, we called it a day and went to bed. Never has a bed been more welcome than that night.

Up again at 6.00 a.m. Sunday morning and wondering what all the laughing was about, I went outside to find that George Nicolson had made up a bed in the form of a swaggies camp. It was a rusty old iron bed, with rabbit traps, a couple of horse's skulls stuck at the foot of the bed, and a dainty piece of bedroom crockery placed conveniently at the side, just in case. A notice read: 'Uncle Al's Camp', so Al posed for our photographers in several attitudes much to the delight of the on-lookers. I regret to say that several might have trouble with the censor.

We then adjourned to the kitchen, where Uncle had put on a really terrific breakfast. With that over and washing-up completed, we set off for the track after a brief look at a new supermarket. Running was commenced, and this being a free day

WHYALLA WEEKEND cont.

the Whyalla boys took over the locos, while their proud owners kept a paternal eye on the water glass and pressure gauges.

At various intervals around the track, this type of conversation could be heard. "What's this nob for?" "Oh that is the blower", "And this one?" "The fire door silly". "Excuse me, but what does this little twiddly lever do?" "Now listen honey, that corresponds to your car accelerator pedal". "Whats this cute little hand-wheel for?" "Well, if you rotate to the right you will probably go forward and if to the left you will go in reverse", now you know more than I do about it so get cracking for you are holding up about 9 other drivers". And so the morning passed until lunch, when once again the ladies excelled themselves. Running was resumed about 2.00 p.m. and by about 3.00 p.m., some of the engines were feeling like their owners, slightly tired. Some had feed water trouble, others apparently asthma in their flues, so one by one we drew the fires, blew down the boiler, and by 5.00 p.m. everything was packed on to J.W. truck ready for the long haul to Adelaide. That evening a barbecue had been arranged at Tregelana. After a quick clean-up, we trooped down to the wool-shed and soon had a huge fire blazing. When the flames had died down the hot coals were placed under large mesh top frames which were then covered with chops and sausages. Soon everybody was happily chewing, their hands and faces covered in grease. With the barbecue over we spent the rest of the evening, first of all being entertained by Uncle Al and Archie, followed by a film show with Tom England operating the projector.

Then back to the shearers bunk house, make a quick brew of an engine drivers best friend, do the right thing by what was left of the cake and yeast bun, discuss the days doings and finally tuck each other into bed.

WHYALLA WEEKEND contd.

Up again next morning, dress and sit down to another fine breakfast prepared by Uncle Alan. Alan seems to bob up pretty often in this narrative and rightly so for no trip such as this would be half as much fun if he were not there.

This morning, Monday, a tour of the B.H.P. works had been arranged and a couple of hours were spent being taken over the plant. With this over, farewells were said and we set sail for home. Reaching Pt. Augusta we had quite a search finding a place to obtain some lunch. With this accomplished, we set off for home, via the Pichi Richi Pass through the Flinders Range, this being my first experience of this interesting part of South Australia. Reaching Quorn, we then drove down to Wilmington over a dusty road, at times having almost to stop in order to see the road. Gladstone was finally reached and a Coke helped to wash the dust out of our throats. Here Brenton Wakefield showed great enterprise by persuading the driver of a steam shunting loco in the goodsyard to let him have a go at driving, which he did with great success. The rest of the run to Adelaide was without incident, and we arrived back at Morrie's house about 8.30 p.m. After three hectic days all I could think of was bed and plenty of it, but the trip was really worth it, and if everybody enjoyed it half as much as I did, then Whyalla Club and their ladies are amply repaid.

The following members of S.A.S.M.E.E. made up the party:

Charles Hill, Tom England, John Welch, Len Peckham, Morrie Turner, Alan Frankham, John Mell, Owen Thomas & family, John Wakefield & family, Alec Bradley, Jim Thurmer, Bert Collins, Murray Mitchell & family, Ralph Skewes, and Clary Burden.

I cannot complete this Bulletin without mentioning Christmas. Although several weeks ahead, it is no doubt very much to the fore in all of our thoughts. The festive season appeals to people in different ways, to some a welcome break from daily toil, to others a holiday at the beach or a caravan trip, others please their wives by working around the home, and lazy people like me an opportunity to lay in bed an hour longer. But no matter under which heading you belong, the welcome break gives a modeller a wonderful opportunity to get on with his pet hobby.

But leaving aside all the above surmising, Christmas is the one time of the year when most of us can lay aside our worries and troubles and greet our fellow men as though they were our brothers. I like to think of my Society as a brotherhood, and my experience so far is that it is one, carrying the Christmas spirit throughout the year.

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL"



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